

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Message To Congress

THE full purport of President Eisenhower's message to Congress relating to the role which the United States intends to adopt to deter Communist China from invasion of Formosa and the strategically important nearby islands of Quemoy and Matsu is not readily apparent.

Conflicting interpretations in Washington and London have already appeared. London observers see in the careful wording of Mr. Eisenhower's message a warning to the Chinese Communists that an attack by them against either Quemoy or Matsu may result in American intervention—if it appears that such attacks will lead to an invasion of Formosa.

Washington, on the other hand, regards the message as a warning that an attack on the island outposts would definitely herald an attack on Formosa and would, therefore, be met automatically by American intervention.

Only on one point does there appear to be general agreement: namely the Quemoy and Matsu are first targets for any attack on Formosa, and that because of their strategic relation to Chiang Kai-shek's stronghold, they must, if it is possible, be denied the Chinese Communists.

THE natural fear created by Peking's persistent references to the necessity of "liberating" Formosa, plus President Eisenhower's latest policy declaration is that Communist China and the United States will find themselves drifting into a state of war which will embroil the rest of the world.

The possibility cannot be denied. But the probability, based on known factors, is remote. The essence of the situation does not seem to have greatly changed since ex-President Truman applied his "neutralisation" policy and invested the US Seventh Fleet with the power to give substance to that policy. Nevertheless President Eisenhower's congressional message does affect the emphasis inherent in the operational orders previously issued to the Seventh Fleet.

Requiring clarification is the implication that Quemoy or any of the other adjacent islands in Nationalist hands could come under American guns. This becomes dangerously suggestive and seems to be a deliberate shift from President Eisenhower's stand last summer against local intervention. The idea that Communist concentrations in the big ports could also come under American attack evokes a picture of air reconnaissance and all the attendant risks of accidents that might precipitate events.

ANY such application of American Far East policy is probably far removed from the minds of President Eisenhower and his Administration. The United States basic principles relating to international affairs remain consistent, and they deny completely the employment of limited or hostile action calculated to increase world tension, or to produce even more unpleasant results.

Much depends on the real reactions of the Peking Government, as distinct from the propagandist vituperation which is inevitable. These reactions are more likely to stem from realism than emotionalism. The future of the Peking regime does not hinge on the "liberation" of Formosa. It is a small stake unworthy of a dangerously provocative gamble. If this is recognized by Peking there is no danger of the Formosa situation exploding into a general war.

## Russia Now Officially At Peace With Germany

Moscow, Jan. 25. The Presidium of the Supreme Soviet—Russia's parliament—has ended the state of war existing between the Soviet Union and Germany since June 22, 1941, it was announced tonight.

At the same time, the Presidium decreed that the termination does not affect existing four-power agreements on Germany. The agreements permit troops of the four powers to occupy German territory.

The Presidium, presided over by President Klement Voroshilov and a Vice-President of the 16 republics, issued the decree ten days after Russia agreed to recognise West Germany provided that she drop her plans to rearm.

Britain, the United States and France terminated the state of war in a joint declaration signed on July 9, 1951. More than 40 other states took similar action but Russia and 11 European states remained technically at war.

**THREE POINTS**

The Russian decree issued at a press conference here concluded with three points:

1. The state of war between the Soviet Union and Germany terminates and peaceful relations between them are being re-established.
2. All judicial restrictions occasioned by the war in respect of German citizens who were regarded as citizens of an enemy state are invalid.
3. The declaration on the end of the state of war with Germany does not alter her international obligations and does not affect the rights and obligations of the Soviet Union which derive from existing international agreements of the four powers concerning Germany as a whole.

A preamble stated that the policy of Britain, France and the United States aimed at integrating a rearmament of Germany "into a military alliance" had made it impossible to reach agreement on German re-unification and the conclusion of a peace treaty—Reuter.

## VIOLENCE IN GENOA

Genoa, Jan. 25. Many people were injured, some seriously, in violent clashes today between thousands of strikers armed with stones and squads of police using tear-gas bombs.

The disorders, which lasted several hours, originated last Friday when 2,500 dockers went on strike to protest a decision by the port authorities to recruit workers of their own choice instead of selecting them through hiring halls.—France-Press.

## Operation Ends

Biskra, Algeria, Jan. 25. About 8,000 French troops, who have been sweeping the Aurès Mountains of Algeria since last Wednesday for hidden outlaws, finished the operation tonight.

They had arrested a number of suspected bandits and confiscated stores of arms.—Reuter.

## Neutralise Formosa, Says Canada

Ottawa, Jan. 25. Canada thinks Formosa should be neutralised, pending settlement of the issue in that area by an international conference, the External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, told the House of Commons today.

While Canada was not involved in United States commitments in the area, the Canadian government was "deeply concerned over the dangerous situation there" and was anxious to bring to an end the fighting along the China coast, he said.

## Women And Children Victims 50 HOMELESS

Two women and two children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed two tenement buildings in Hollywood Road early on Chinese New Year's Day.

About 50 people living in the two buildings were rendered homeless and have been given temporary shelter at Tung Wah Group Hospitals Free School.

Two other persons received burns while attempting to save some of their belongings from the blazing flats.

Bamboo scaffolding was later put up around the destroyed tenement buildings to prevent them from collapsing.

About 1.30 a.m. on Monday, fire broke out in one of the upper flats of No. 167, Hollywood Road, and quickly spread to the upper flats of No. 165.

The fire brigade was summoned and five fire engines and two ambulances were despatched to the scene.

With the full water supply available and with an additional supply of salt water, the firemen were able to get the flames under control half an hour later.

When the fire was extinguished, the firemen recovered four charred bodies on the third floor of No. 167, Hollywood Road.

Residents of the two buildings, as well as of the second floor of Nos. 163 and 169 were evacuated and removed to the Tung Wah Group Hospitals Free School.

Joss papers and fire crackers are believed to have been the cause of the fire.

## UN Move For A Formosa Ceasefire

## Peking May Be Invited To Send Representative To The Security Council

Washington, Jan. 25. The possibility of inviting a Communist Chinese representative to the Security Council of the United Nations to discuss a Formosa ceasefire is being considered here, informed diplomatic sources disclosed today.

These sources said that such an invitation could follow or be appended to a United Nations ceasefire resolution, a possibility which was now under discussion between Britain, the United States and New Zealand.

It was emphasized that the appearance of a representative of Communist China before the Security Council would not imply that membership was in the offing. Nor should it be interpreted to mean that the United States was softening its attitude towards recognition.

There was precedent for the world body hearing the voice of Communist China. It was pointed out that occurred when China entered the Korean conflict and a Chinese delegation stated China's case at the United Nations.

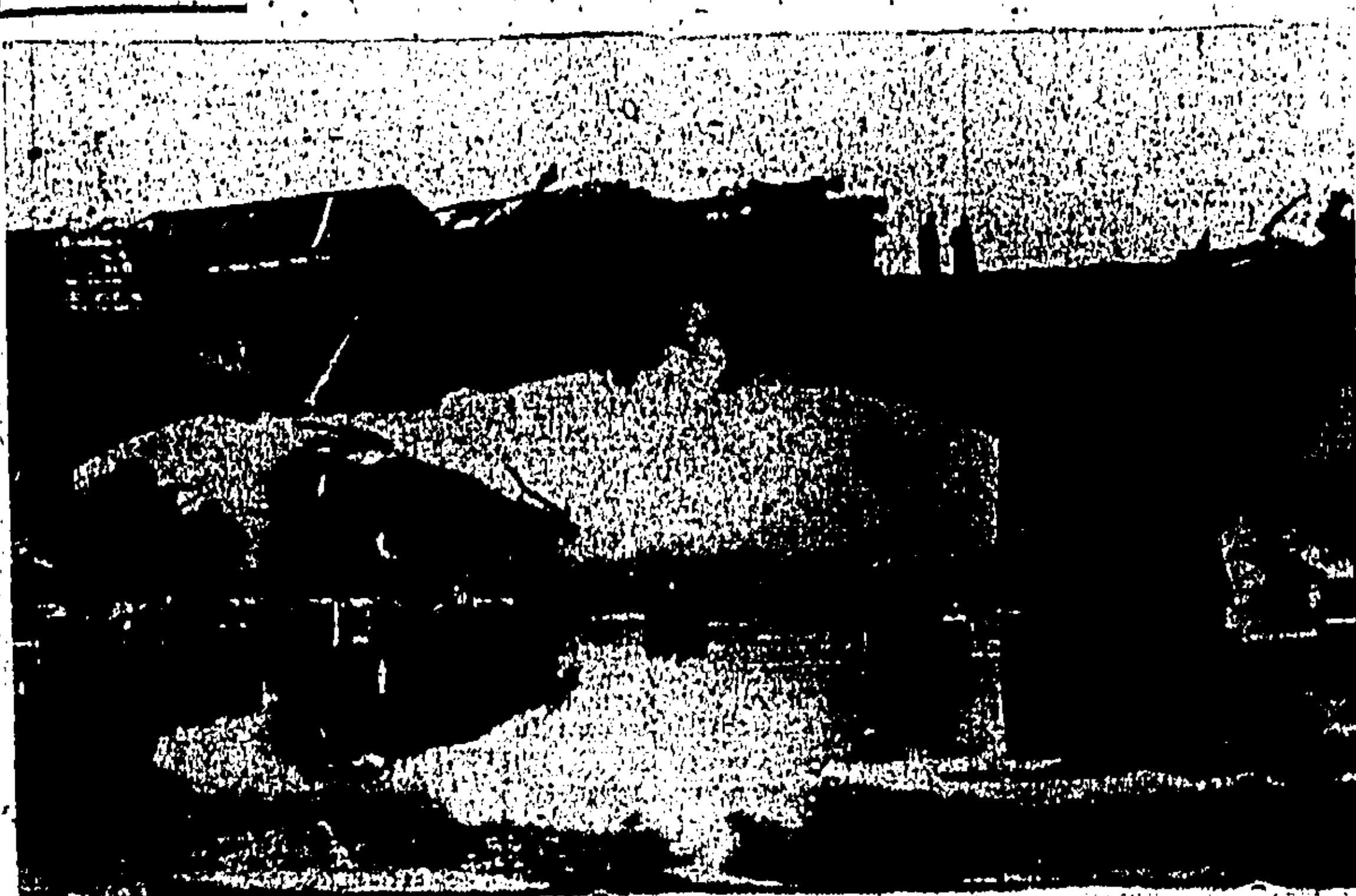
The invitation to China to tell the United Nations its attitude towards a ceasefire was one of the solutions proposed to meet the delicate and intricate problems that would be raised automatically by a ceasefire resolution in the Security Council.

Both these alternative suggestions were believed to be too ponderous to be practical. The assertion by China's Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai, that Formosa was "an inalienable part of China's territory" and therefore, intervention would amount to intrusion on sovereignty, made little impact in Washington.

The General opinion was that it was simply a calculated reply to President Eisenhower's message to Congress and did not represent an irrevocable hardening in China's attitude.

Despite the implicit challenge to the United Nations' competence to interfere in the area, it was thought unlikely that China would pass up a chance to appear before the Security Council—Reuter.

## Railway Disaster In France



The scene of the rail disaster near Verdun, France. Two people were killed and many injured when an axle of a goods train broke as the train was crossing a bridge over the river Aller. Two wagons were derailed and slipped into the river. A petrol wagon attached to the train caught fire and added to the chaos.—London Express.

## DEFEND FORMOSA RESOLUTION APPROVED BY US CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 25. A solemn House of Representatives today gave President Eisenhower authority to use United States armed forces to defend Formosa, the Pescadores and "related positions" of that area.

The resolution authorised the President to use the forces as he saw fit to defend these Chinese Nationalist positions against attack by the Chinese Communists.

The resolution empowered the President to "employ the armed forces of the United States as he deems necessary for the special purpose of securing and protecting Formosa and the Pescadores against armed attack, this authority to include the securing and protection of such related possessions and territories of the area now in friendly hands."

It also authorized him to take "such other measures as he judges to be required or appropriate in assuring the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores."

The resolution was sent to the Senate, where it was expected to be approved tomorrow or Thursday.

The House acted on what members termed a war or peace resolution after its rules committee had limited the debate to three hours and prohibited the introduction of any amendments to it.

409 TO 3

The resolution was carried by 409 votes to three. Those against were two Republicans and one Democrat.

Only one effort was made to change the resolution, drafted and approved last night, within hours after President Eisenhower had asked the authority from Congress by the foreign affairs committee of the House.

That effort was made in the rules committee, which limited the debate, by Mr. James Fulton, a Republican of Pennsylvania. He tried to have the resolution limit any action to the defence of Formosa and the Pescadores only, a provision cutting off the possibility of an invasion of the Chinese mainland by the Nationalists and limiting the resolution's authority to the present administration.

He was unsuccessful.

**A AND H BOMBS**

In the debate, the House was told by Mr. James Richards, Chairman of the foreign relations committee, that there was nothing in the resolution which would either restrict or authorize the use of atomic or hydrogen bombs or other nuclear weapons if shooting should begin around Formosa. Those positions were governed by existing rules on "armed" forces and atomic energy, he said.

Mr. Richards added that in 70 years in the House, there had been nothing of comparable magnitude, except the declaration of the Second World War.

The resolution, he added, was in the "nature of an ultimatum" but not actually an ultimatum.

Mr. Joseph Martin, the Republican leader in the House, pledged bi-partisan support for the resolution.

"We vote the unanimous adoption of this resolution, in order that the Communists will be shown that we are united."

Mr. Clement A. Wallace, leader of the British Labour Party, has accepted an invitation to address the Congress of the Dutch Labour Party, to be held from February 22 to 24, the Party's headquarters announced.—Reuter.

## Unruly Scene Outside Commons

London, Jan. 25. Police on horseback tonight dispersed hundreds of demonstrators milling around the Houses of Parliament here in a noisy protest against West German rearmament.

Several demonstrators were bundled into police vans and taken to a nearby police station. One constable had his helmet knocked off but the mounted men, reinforced by foot police standing almost shoulder to shoulder, stopped the situation from getting out of hand. Very slowly the crowds, still shouting and booing, were pushed back to one corner of Parliament Square and edged into adjoining streets.

When the Commons began its meeting—after a month's Christmas recess—hundreds of people queued outside while extra police stood on guard.

At first they were admitted in small groups to talk to their MPs, but later, after the crowd had swelled to more than 1,000 more police were drafted into the area.

Later, traffic in central London was held up as a procession of about 200 people, carrying banners and chanting slogans against German rearmament, marched through Piccadilly Circus.—Reuter.

## Churchill's Tribute

London, Jan. 25. The Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, waved his Bricklayers' Union card while addressing the annual banquet of Master Builders tonight and said: "It is a good thing that it's difficult to get trade union leaders out of their long terms of office."

Sir Winston, who was guest of honour, said the trade union movement in Britain had done a good job for the people.

"Its leaders are playing an ever increasing part in our incipient and complex 'mixed' system of society and government," he said. "A large part of the influence of our trade union leaders, which is perhaps greater here than in any other country, undoubtedly comes from the long terms during which they held their office and the difficulty to get them out."—United Press.

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## N. AFRICAN DEBATE

# Mr France Prepares For Next Week's Dangerous Session

CABINET MEETS FOR  
THE LAST TIME

Paris, Jan. 25.

The Prime Minister, M. Pierre Mendes-France, met with his old Cabinet for the last time tonight in an important session to pinpoint strategy for next week's dangerous North African debate.

It was a full dress meeting at the Elysee Palace under the presidency of M. Rene Coty.

For the last time M. Mendes-France appeared in his dual capacity of Premier and Foreign Minister. He relinquished the Foreign Minister post on January 20 when he re-vamped his Government with the announced intention of devoting himself full time to France's staggering economy.

Sources said tonight's meeting would be devoted largely to North African policy — particularly to a vast programme of economic and social reforms in Algeria.

## ANTI-ALCOHOLISM

But the Premier was also expected to lay before his Ministers several measures concerning his anti-alcoholism campaign and the Interior Minister, M. Francois Mitterand, was to report on the floods.

During the day seven more National Deputies — including four Communists — deposed interpellations in the Chamber on M. Mendes-France's North African programme. That brings the total to 15.

But the wily French Premier working against time to head off the opposition by a series of dramatic gestures similar to those which have saved his Government time and again in the past.

He has two important strings in his bow.

One, the Tunisian self-rule negotiations, and, two, the planned Algerian reforms.

M. Mendes-France met with the Tunisian delegation again today and sources said the general atmosphere was optimistic. A week ago the talks were deadlocked but in a dramatic night-long session (ending at 5.45 a.m. on Monday) the Premier and the Tunisian delegates reached agreement on all but two articles of the 20-article convention.

A successful conclusion of the talks would do much to offset criticism of the Premier's policy in the Assembly.

Some sources said that M. Mendes-France might even

place a deadline on the length of the talks, as he did so dramatically last June when he announced he would bring peace to Indo-China in one month or resign.

Also slated for discussion tonight are the anti-alcohol campaign and the surplus of both wine and milk in France. M. Mendes-France talked these problems over with the Agriculture Minister, M. Roger Houel, this morning.

## THE FLOODS

The floods — M. Mitterand reported the full extent of the damage so far to the French economy and the measures taken to minimise the disaster.

Finances — A report from the retiring Finance Minister, M. Edgar Faure, on proposed fiscal reforms. A communiqué on this point may be issued at the conclusion of the meeting, sources said. M. Faure succeeded M. Mendes-France to the Foreign Ministry.

Elections — Set the date for the cantonal elections. — United Press.

## B.O.T. Cotton Textile Discussions

London, Jan. 25.

A delegation representing the cotton textile industry is to confer here tomorrow with Mr A. F. Low, Minister of State at the Board of Trade.

Mr Low has recently returned from India and the discussion will centre on trade questions affecting that country.

The spectacular increase in Indian cloth imports into Britain — against which the cotton industry has protested — will be one of the subjects raised. But the meeting is expected to review broader issues of trade between the two countries. — Reuters.

## Off To The Antarctic



The 600-ton diesel-engined sailing vessel, Norsel, left London last week to assist the Royal research ship, John Biscoe, in her relief of the British bases in the South Polar regions. This picture shows the Norsel at Millwall Dock with snow-covered trucks on the quay alongside. — Central Press Photo.

## India-Pakistan Differences May Be Settled

New Delhi, Jan. 25.

Both President Rajendra Prasad of India and the Pakistan Governor-General, Ghulam Mohammed, hinted tonight that the end of the differences between their two countries might be in sight.

Dr Prasad, speaking at a banquet in honour of Mr Mohammed's official visit, said he did not think there was any problem between the two countries that could not be solved in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

Our own problems resolved we march together in the service of humanity. — France-Press.

## British Troops To Stay In Korea

London, Jan. 25.

Britain will maintain military forces in Korea as long as they are required there by the United Nations, Mr Harold Macmillan, Defence Minister, said in the House of Commons today.

British troops in the Korean-Japan theatre, he said, now totalled some 10,000 men. He was replying to a question by a Labour M.P., Mr Harold Davies, who had asked when the Government intended to bring the troops home. — France-Press.

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## Tito Leaves For Home

Bombay, Jan. 25. President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia left tonight for home in the warship Galah after his state visit to India and Burma.

He was seen off by the Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Navy, Admiral Sir Mark Pizey, and a large gathering of officials. —France-Press.

## Pakistan Republic Will Accept The Queen

Ottawa, Jan. 25. Mr. Muhammad Ali, Pakistan Prime Minister, said he today told Queen Elizabeth would continue to be accepted in Pakistan as the Queen of the Commonwealth after Pakistan had become a republic later this year.

Mr. Ali, who is here on a short official visit, told a Press conference that the Queen's position was a symbolic link. That link would be continued through the President, who would replace the present Governor-General after Pakistan became a republic, he added. —Reuter.

## Spanish U.N. Observer

Washington, Jan. 25. Spain has been authorized to send a permanent observer to the United Nations in New York, Spanish Embassy sources said today.

Asked for the post is Senor Jose de Arellano, the Ambassador. The sources said he would hold both posts concurrently. —France-Press.

## Acceptance Of China - Formosa Co-Existence

By Paul Rankine

Washington, Jan. 25.

A major switch in United States policy, accepting the idea of "peaceful co-existence" between the Chinese Communist Government on the mainland and the Chinese Nationalists on Formosa, may be in the making, political observers here said today.

They expressed this view after talks with high Administration officials, who said the United States Government had written off the possibility of restoring the Chinese Nationalists to power on the mainland by armed forces.

The suggestion is that the United States will use its power under the proposed mutual defence treaty with Nationalist China to veto any armed invasion of the mainland.

Observers say a United States decision to this effect should encourage an atmosphere in which a cease-fire between the Communists and Nationalists could be more easily arranged.

### STRONG OPPOSITION

Communist China has already shown strong opposition to the idea of a cease-fire while Formosa is still in Nationalist hands.

Administration officials are comparing the division in the Far East between the Chinese Communists and Nationalists to divided Germany and Korea.

They hasten to add that this does not mean the Eisenhower Administration has forever abandoned the Chinese mainland to Communist rule.

The emphasis is placed on the long-term possibilities of internal splits developing, which could lead to a return of a non-Communist government.

The view expressed by officials here is that Nationalist China's role should not be one of invading the mainland but of preparing to play a principal and decisive part if and when unrest develops. —Reuter.

### Italian Deputies Suspended

Rome, Jan. 25. Giuliana Nenni, daughter of the left-wing Socialist leader, Signor Pietro Nenni, was today suspended for three successive sessions of the Chamber of Deputies for slapping a fellow deputy last Saturday.

Receiving the same punishment was Ernesto de Martino, a Non-Fascist, whose refusal to speak under the chairmanship of Edoardo Diodoro, Communist, had provoked the slapping incident. —France-Press.

## Marilyn & Joe Dine Out

Boston, Jan. 25. Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio are visiting Boston, but deny that they are reconciled. The screen star and the former New York Yankee slugger were spotted last night at a restaurant with DiMaggio's brother, Dom, and Dom's wife, Emily. "In this a reconciliation Joe?" a newsman asked DiMaggio. "Is it, honey?" Joe asked Marilyn. "Well, just call it a visit," Marilyn said with a smile. The nine-month marriage of the couple ended in divorce last October 27. —United Press.

## EX-VICHY OFFICIAL ACQUITTED

Paris, Jan. 25. Georges Billard, 54-year-old former Minister of the Vichy regime, was today acquitted by the High Court of Justice on various charges, including arbitrarily suspending a number of mayors.

He had been sentenced in absentia to five years' imprisonment in 1947.

A former Secretary of State for Fine Arts and an ex-prefect, Billard surrendered to the authorities in 1952 and was immediately granted provisional authority.

In his defence it was stated that he had helped to protect Freemasons, Communists, Jews and others from the Germans while he held office.

The court's verdict was greeted with applause. —France-Press.

## Airmen's Release Will Be U.N. Victory

Washington, Jan. 25.

The United States is still hopeful that the American airmen gaoled by Red China will be freed as a result of United Nations effort, a high State Department official said tonight.

Mr. David Key, Assistant Secretary of State for U.N. Affairs, noted that there had been disappointment that the airmen were not freed immediately after the mission to fled China by the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold.

"We will not consider the Secretary-General's mission a success until the fliers are freed, but we are hopeful that with the exercise of restraint there will be a successful outcome," he said in an address prepared for delivery before the Vassar Club of Washington.

"This would be a new demonstration of the effectiveness of international moral opinion as mobilized through the United Nations."

Meanwhile, the State Department disclosed that it had received passport inquiries from three persons who apparently want to accept the Chinese offer to let them visit their gaoled kin. —United Press.

## COSTA RICAN REBELS ARE INTERNED

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 25.

Costa Rican rebels, including former President Rafael Calderon Guardia, who led the ill-starred revolt, began streaming across the border into Nicaragua today and promptly were interned.

Arrival of the rebel forces in Nicaraguan territory — through the abandoned former six-mile-wide buffer zone — was announced in San Jose, the Nicaraguan capital of Managua and in Washington.

With Calderon, a Foreign Ministry announcement here said, was his brother Francisco.

### NEWS PUBLISHED

Walling streets on top of newspaper buildings brought thousands of persons running to read the news chalked on huge blackboards in front of the buildings.

The surrender of the well-armed rebel force, which found sanctuary when the Organisation of American States created the demilitarized corridor, appeared to end the threat of border incidents with Nicaragua and to mark a definite end to the revolution, which actually collapsed last Friday.

Costa Rican troops were cautiously following the fleeing rebels up to the border line.

The O.A.S. Commission, which had been on the verge of leaving for Washington with a Costa Rican "solution" to the explosive border situation, immediately called a closed meeting to consider a possible change in plans.

News of the mass surrender came from the Nicaraguan Foreign Minister, Oscar Sevilla Sacasa, who reported to the Commission head, Luis Quintanilla of Mexico, that more than 250 rebels had been disarmed and interned upon leaving Costa Rican territory.

O.A.S. observers at Pena Blanca, just inside the Nicaraguan frontier, confirmed that they had seen about 300 cross to safety there. —United Press.

## Wool Takes Pride Of Place

London, Jan. 25.

Wool took pride of place as Britain's most important industry, in terms of overseas earnings, during 1954, according to Board of Trade returns.

Although the Board's figures show steel heading the list with exports to the value of £125 million, followed by passenger cars and chassis at £119 million, both figures are exceeded by the total sales abroad of wool textiles and partly processed wool, amounting to £136 million. —France-Press.

## PMs To Discuss All Problems

London, Jan. 25.

Sir Winston Churchill said today the forthcoming Commonwealth conference in London would discuss all the important questions in the world today that are currently of interest to them.

A Labour member, Mr. Sorensen, had asked in the House of Commons if the Prime Minister would state the main points on the agenda of the conference.

He also asked whether he would propose that issues involved in the relationship of the Commonwealth nations should receive consideration.

In a written reply, Sir Winston said: "The meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers had been arranged to enable them to consider together in an intimate and informal way, as has been the practice of such meetings over a period of years, all the important questions in the world today that are currently of interest to them."

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
They certainly will wish to discuss the international situation and recent developments in foreign affairs, and to review progress in the economic and financial field.

"Mr. Sorensen will no doubt realise that having regard to the private character of the meetings, it would be difficult for me to go into further detail this afternoon." —Reuter.

## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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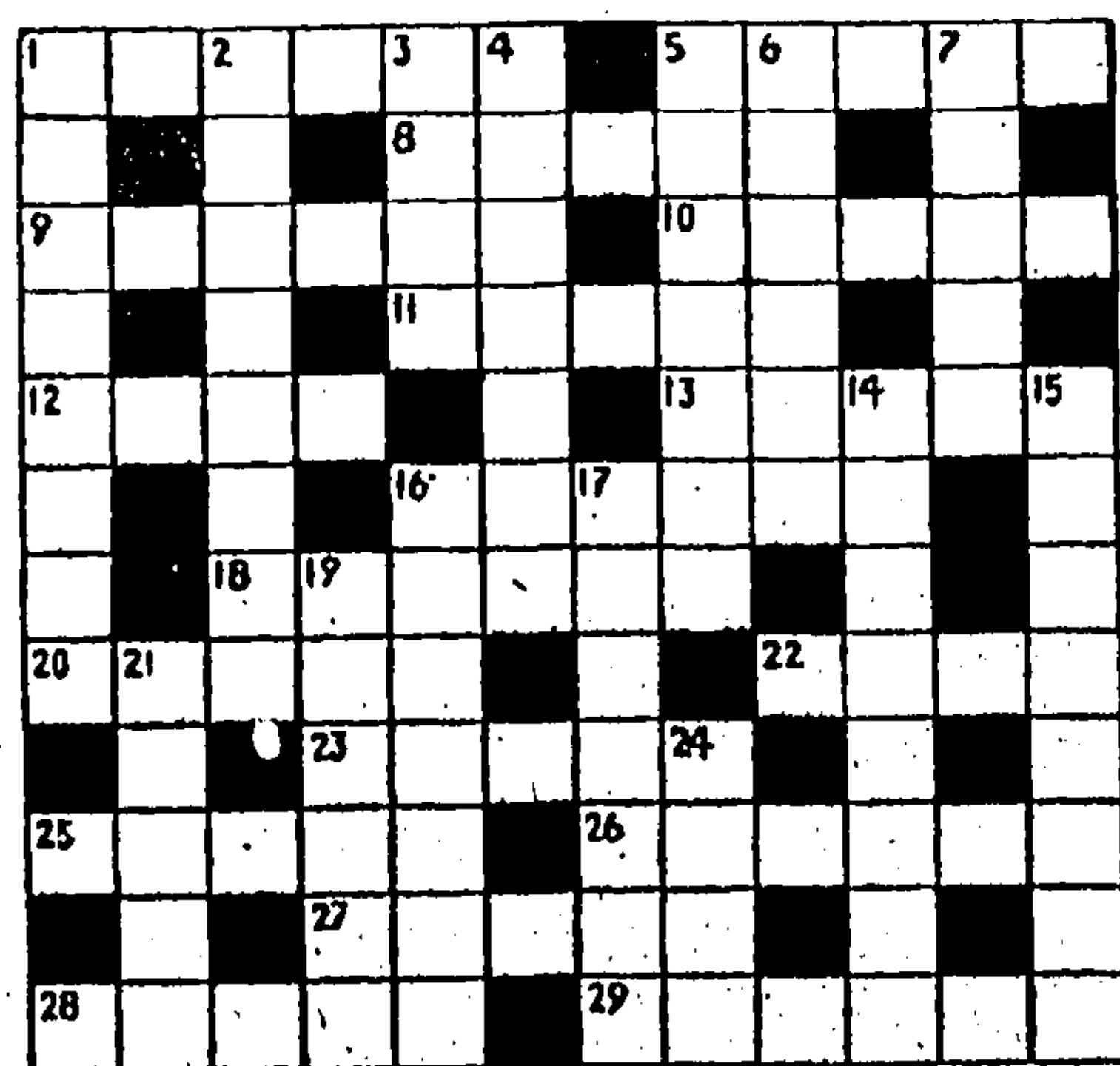
## HOOVER NOW SHOWING



## MAJESTIC SHOWING TO-DAY



## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
1 Feverish (6).  
5 Smears (5).  
8 Aspirant for a commission (6).  
9 Load (6).  
10 Discarded (5).  
11 Blench (5).  
12 Den (4).  
13 Stop (5).  
16 Refrain from (6).  
18 Precious stone (6).  
20 Bird (5).  
22 Transfection (4).  
23 Speaks bombastically (5).  
24 Wanderer (5).  
25 Clear (6).  
27 Submit to (5).  
28 Mount (5).  
29 Feels (6).

**DOWN**  
1 Walking with difficulty (8).  
2 Bearing (8).  
3 Cold confections (4).  
4 Case of gutters (7).  
5 Shortage (7).  
6 Makes reputation (6).  
7 Ties (5).  
14 Endavour (8).  
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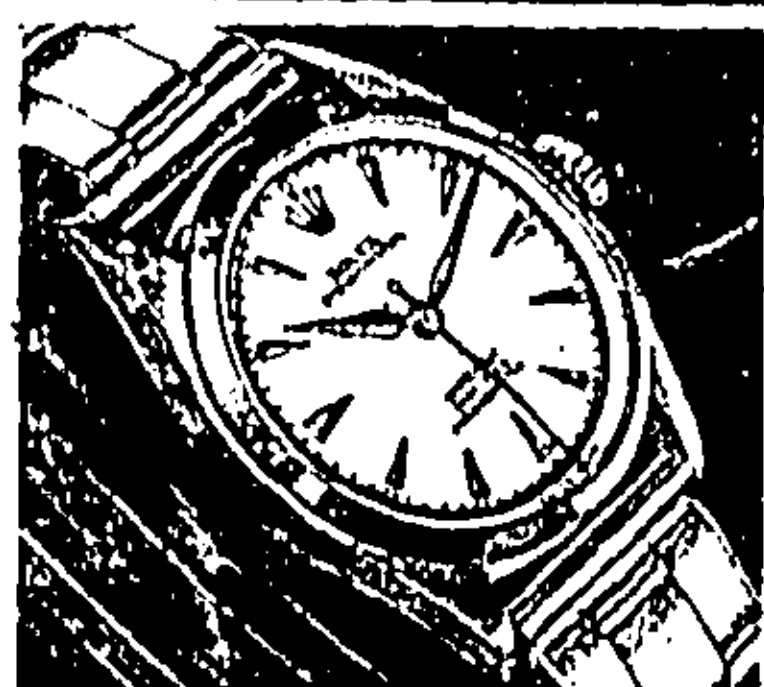
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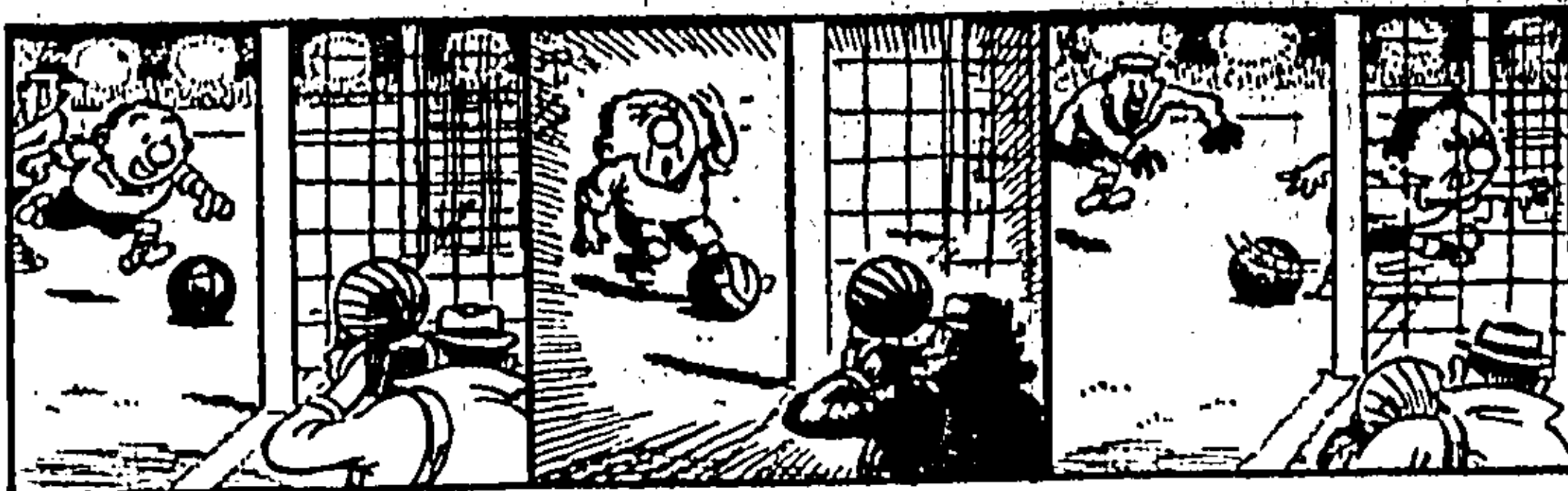
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## HOLIDAY SOFTBALL

# Chinese Ladies Upset Portugal In The International Series

The Chinese Ladies upset the strong Portugal Ladies yesterday to take the second game of the three-game International Series. China downed the Americans 21-15 to go into the final of the Men's International Series. Pakistan vs. Portugal was postponed.

Jackie Wei of China pitched well in the beginning and held the Americans scoreless for four innings while his team piled up eight runs. However, the Yankees were hitting him during the fifth and obtained three runs though still trailing 3-9 at the end of that inning.

W. K. Wong relieved Jackie Wei during the sixth but he was battered out of box in the seventh and the latter was put back on the mound after the Yankees had the score at 11-11. The inning ended at 12-11 in favour of Americans.

Meehan, the Yankee pitcher, seemed to go wild in the eighth. He walked four and the Chinese chalked up six runs to put them in front again. Americans came back with

three runs, but still trailing 15-17.

The Chinese tried hard during the last frame and pushed across four more runs, but the Americans did not get any though they made two hits and final score stood 21-15.

Winning Pitcher Jackie Wei yielded nine hits, four walks but struck out five. Relief pitcher W. K. Wong gave up five hits one walk and struck out none. Losing pitcher Meehan yielded only eight hits but issued 19 free tickets and whiffed five also. He made a three-run homer during the sixth frame.

### NOT AT FULL STRENGTH

Portugal Ladies did not turn out at full strength. Evelyn Almondo did well on the mound and she spaced six hits during the gruelling nine innings. However, 14 miscues by her teammates cost the game.

Portugal won the toss but chose to bat first. Sheila Colloco was the first to cross the plate, but the rest went out three straight.

The Chinese Ladies fought back and led by 3-1 in the first. Portugal Ladies made their rally in the second. They pushed four runs across before two down and Yolanda Silva slammed a homer before their turn was over.

They made another run in the third but the Chinese Ladies were able to receive two through their miscues, and were trailing 5-7. During the fourth the Chinese Ladies added another run to the close. At the end of fifth the score was 8-7 with the Portugal Ladies leading by one run.

The tying run came in the seventh when fleet-footed Miss L. S. Yim, who reached first on a fumbled third strike, stole second, went to third on a pass ball and came home on a fumbled third strike.

Both teams made no advance in the extra frame and they went into the ninth canto where the Portugal Ladies failed to make any headway.

It was Miss L. S. Yim again who was passed after one down, and stole second. The next batter grounded to short-stop and, alas for the Portugal Ladies, the fielders throw to first station was wildly off range and Miss L. S. Yim denied the rubber for the winning run.

### SAINTS WIN 5-4

The St Joseph's Old Timers edged out hard-hitting Braves 5-4 in a thrill-packed game before a large crowd on Sunday. Fielding errors accounted for the defeat of the Tribesmen as they bobbled no less than seven times while their opponents only committed two errors.

Braves had first, got Bull Dhabber hit a safety after two down and Manuel and Anthony Gutierrez were passed to lead the bases. Frankie Loureiro's timely hit scored both Dhabber and Manuel Gutierrez.

Saints' Gussie Pereira walked and went to second on a pass ball. Benny Omar's infield grounder was fumbled. Pereira

advanced to third and came home on another pass ball. Dave Leonard's hit brought Benny Omar home and the score was 2-2 even at the end of first inning.

Both sides were retired three straight in the second frame though Ignar Erickson obtained a two-bagger.

In the third canto Carluu Yvanovich slammed a solid one to the gap between the left and centre fielders. The two raced for the ball and ran full tilt into each other. The ball went through and Carluu Yvanovich came home before the two fielders were able to get to their feet again. The game was suspended for about ten minutes.

Saints' veteran Arturo Ozorio reached first on a fumble and stole second safely. Benny Omar batted in Ozorio with a spinning right-field fly and went to third. Head of Steering angles are very important, and must be carefully allied to the fork rake in use.

### THIRD TIME

Both sides again went down three straight in the fourth, and Braves were turned back the third time with three successive pitchers. Gussie Pereira was issued a free ticket and advanced to second on a fumble. Dave Leonard lofted a one baser to right field which scored Gussie Pereira. Saints then led 5-3 at the end of fifth.

Bull Dhabber, who came up first in the sixth, connected a solid three-bagger over the right field fence and was batted in by Manuel Gutierrez' sacrifice hit. Saints were sent back to the bench without any run though they still led narrowly by 5-4.

The Braves almost tied the score in their last inning. Junior Remedios made a bludge after two down. Carluu Yvanovich bobbled the ball over the pitcher for an infield hit. Junior Remedios was advanced to third. By the time Arturo Ozorio had gloved the ball, Junior Remedios, assuming the ball would be thrown to first for the last out, tried to steal home. However, experienced Ozorio pitched he could not throw Carluu Yvanovich out with his back toward the first station and he hurled the ball to the catcher.

This caught Junior Remedios and stranded between bases. With a run and a chase Remedios was at last tagged out at third when he tried to go back there, which ended the hope of a tie for Braves and the game.

## TOMMY ATKINS TOMORROW

Tommy Atkins' "Army Sports Parade," a weekly Wednesday feature, has had to be held over owing to pressure on space and will appear in tomorrow's China Mail.

# ONE EASY WAY TO AROUSE A CYCLIST'S IRE IS TO CRITICISE HIS EQUIPMENT

By "N'TACA"

The cyclist is a beast of fairly equable temperament, but one certain way to arouse his ire is to criticise his choice of Equipment, Position or Frame Angles. Many a beautiful friendship has been wrecked irrevocably by a discussion on machines, or by a tactless question on the lines of, "Why on earth do you ride that animated bedstead?"

Equipment and position are two things which lead themselves to the individual approach, and any rider can rationalise to a certain extent his choice of even the most improbable accessories. But mechanical factors such as wheelbase, bracket height, fork rake and frame angles are an entirely different kettle of fish. Not that a set design is exactly suitable for everyone. It is not, but there are some basic elements which must be accepted as prerequisites for all good frames.

To take first the question of Wheelbase, the distance between the points of contact with the road of the front and rear wheels. Immediately prior to the last official war there was a trend in favour of the Ultra-short base, with measurements going down, in one case, as low as 37½ inches. While these atrocities were undoubtedly slightly more rigid than the more conservative designs, they made up for this gain by being almost unrideable on rough roads and down steep descents. Fortunately the fashion has disappeared, never it is hoped, to return.

The current idea gives a measurement of 40-41 inches, with a back stay of 17½. This design gives plenty of rigidity in the frame, with a more comfortable ride and more control.

My own inclination is for a slightly longer rear stay, of up to 18½, longer to give extra stability on hills and when out of the saddle. "Honking" up the steep bits. The loss due to additional "Whip" I have found to be negligible, certainly, the feeling of being "in," not "on" my machine.

### FRAME ANGLES

Now to frame angles. Let me commence by saying that I consider the seat tube angle to be relatively unimportant, as there is plenty of adjustment on the modern saddle to allow for correct positioning, certainly up to two or three degrees either way. Head or Steering angles are very important, and must be carefully allied to the fork rake in use.

During the Ultra-short Wheelbase era I mentioned above, Steering angles became steeper than ever before, going up to the wonderful 76 degrees of certain makers, and averaging around the 74 mark.

Things have settled down to the 72-73 degree head that we know today. Together with a fork rake of 2-2½ inches, this angle gives steering which is sensitive enough to make a rider feel absolutely safe when riding in a bunch, at the same time being moderate to the extent that he does not have to spend all his time on the flat or down hills, treating his cycle like a mettlesome horse, but can ride "Hands-off" or honk up hills whilst maintaining a straight line. The fork rake has sufficient resilience to give a comfortable ride over the average route, yet is rigid enough to eliminate excessive sway on fact corners.

If I may be allowed to reminisce a little—and who is to stop me?—I would like to tell you of two machines I owned in my younger days, two cycles which approached nearer to my ideal than any other I have had.

The first was a racing cycle, specially designed by a large manufacturer for the great Australian rider, Hubert Opperman, when he carved up the British records in 1934 and 1935. With its 41½ inch wheelbase, 3 inch fork offset and base, 3 inch Seat angles of 69 degrees, it gave me the finest cycling I have ever experienced.

### SILKY-SMOOTH

Silky-smooth over the roughest surfaces, including the notorious Oxford pave, it held the line of approach as though glued in spite of my erratic and frantic efforts at "Dancing" up the hills, or whistling flat out around the bends of a fast drop. Truly, a Great cycle. The second was a product of the now-defunct firm of Saxm, the "Paramount" model. Again

a 41½-inch base, but with the very upright (for the time) angles of 71 degrees for both head and seat, again with a 3-inch fork offset. Once more a delightfully smooth ride over any surface.

Any Yorkshireman who knows that I have on this frame both climbed Sutton Bank many times, and dropped, without the use of brakes, down its potato-holed surface with complete confidence, will appreciate to the full the pride of ownership one could derive from the possession of such a triumph of the cycle-maker's art.

### STANDARDS GO UP

Standards go up, and the times come down. Latest Colony record to fall to progress is the 50 miles Time Trial Team figure, put by the 7th Hussar team at the high mark of 0-28-43, some 10½ minutes off the previous best, by the Kai Tak Exiles.

Chief performer was Holt, who won the event (the NTACA Championship at the distance) with a magnificent 2-0-11, only 66 seconds outside the Colony record.

Record-holder Beck could manage "only" a 2-7-23 in a private trial the same afternoon. Holt was ably backed up by Cowlin (2-9-52) and Bouch (2-12-40).

This event also counted towards the Army Inter-Unit Team Championship, which is now led by the RENE team with a total of 285 points from two events, the 7 Hussar boys filling second position with 194. With the 100 Miles, Massed Start and Hill Climb Championships, still to be decided, the position is very open, and some keen competition is forecast.

Last week's question certainly brought the letters in shoals. And, as usual, they do everything but agree. However, one point has emerged from the storm and that is the desire on the part of the majority for Handicap awards, main line of argument being that such awards would encourage the not-so-good to compete regularly. A good point, but one which raises another. What brave man would like the job of Handicapper?

### "TOP SECRET"

Three-Day Race fever is growing as the great days draw near, and most of the Teams entered have already formulated plans of campaign for the "Big Event." These plans are being kept in the "Top Secret" files of most of them, and some pretty devices are expected to appear.

There is one point which may have escaped the notice of many Teams and Managers. Have you decided on, and become proficient in, a set of standard signals to convey your desires to Teams and Teammates? It's not a lot of good telling your own boys what to do during the race if the remainder of the field can hear it as well. Think it over.

Nowadays there seems to be a multiplicity of "Championships" and the number of riders who emerge with one or more titles can become a trifle confusing. By

which subtle means I approach the question of the Week. What single event, at what distance, could well be called the True Championship? And, of course, Why?

## Lindwall Unfit For The Fourth Test

Brisbane, Jan. 25. Australia's fast bowler, Ray Lindwall, is out of the Fourth Test against England beginning at Adelaide on Friday.

A Brisbane specialist who examined him today said he was suffering from a slight muscle strain in the calf of his right leg and would need to rest. Lindwall had difficulty in walking today.

Arthur Morris, the New South Wales left-hand opening bat, will take Lindwall's place among the Australian XII. The selectors have yet to nominate the 12th man.

Morris played in all three previous Tests, captain; Australia in the Second, for which Ian Johnson was unfit. Lindwall hurt his leg while batting for Queensland against Victoria yesterday.

### MADDUCKS FIT

Victorian Wicketkeeper Len Maddocks, retained in preference to Gil Langley, who missed the Third Test through injury, asked for a medical check on the little finger of his right hand. He originally hurt it in a Sheffield Shield game in December and has played in the Third Test with the finger protected by a wire cage. He was declared fit to play. —Reuter.

## "Little Mo" To Play At Wimbledon

San Diego, Jan. 25. Miss Maureen Connolly, United States lawn tennis star, said here yesterday that she would defend her Wimbledon title this summer.

Miss Connolly, U.S. Women's Tennis Champion until an injury prevented her from competing last year, said she would also play in the French National Tournament. —Reuter.

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## MACAO WINS INTERPORT HOCKEY

Macao beat Hongkong 1-0 in the annual Hockey Interport today. The goal was scored in the second half. It was awarded as a result of a penalty bully when Bhagat Singh tripped Jorge who was on the point of scoring.

Hongkong's "B" team deservedly beat Macao 1-0 while Kowloon Ladies beat Hongkong Ladies 3-2 after extra time. (From Our Own Correspondent).

## HKCC BEAT THE REST BY 128 RUNS

The Hongkong Cricket Club proved too good for the Rest of Hongkong Civilians XI in a whole day friendly game played at Chater Road yesterday and won by the big margin of 128 runs.

The home team batted first and amassed a huge total of 220 runs before declaring with six wickets intact. Top scorer was Donald Leitch, 59 not out, with 1. L. Stanton contributing 49.

The Rest XI were soon in trouble and lost their first six wickets for only 35 runs. Mahon and Pritchard did all the damage, the former claiming four wickets and the latter two. The tail-enders put up 58 runs.

Tommy Mahon took four wickets for 23 runs in 10 overs, four of which were maidens, while Stanton took three for 13 in five overs.

## THE SCORES

Rest of Civilians	Score
G. A. Souza, c. Spink b. Mahon	13
A. M. Prata, b. Mahon	0
H. P. Madar, lbw. b. Mahon	1
A. Zimmerman, st. Hughes b. Pritchard	8
B. Dhaner, c. Pickstone b. Pritchard	1
P. English, b. Mahon	7
S. M. Teh, c. Hubble b. Stanton	20
R. Jenner, c. Spink b. Stanton	13
W. Davidson, st. Hughes b. Stanton	4
R. Bell, c. Knight b. Stanton	16
A. Whitehead, not out	10
Extras	10
Total	92

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-13, 3-22, 4-27, 5-35, 6-35, 7-57, 8-68, 9-70, 10-92.

## Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Mahon	10	4	23	4
Pritchard	10	4	27	2
Spink	5.5	24	1	
Stanton	5	1	13	3

## HKCC

T. G. C. Knight, b. Bell	20
G. H. P. Pritchard, c. Souza b. Teh	19
1. L. Stanton, c. Whitehead b. Teh	49
R. M. Macpherson, b. Bell	3
T. A. Pearce, c. English b. Dhaner	28
D. W. Leach, not out	12
J. N. R. Pickstone not out	27
Extras	10
Total (for five wickets)	220

H. R. O. Hubble, K. G. Spink, R. H. Hughes and T. P. Mahon did not bat.

Fall of wickets: 1-49, 2-51, 3-57, 4-137, 5-137.

## Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Whitehead	5	1	14	1
Teh	15	1	22	2
Bell	9	3	21	2
Davidson	8	0	40	4
Jenner	4	1	25	1
Dhaner	7	0	20	1

# DESPITE SWISS MISSES, THE GRASSHOPPERS ARE STILL UNDEFEATED

By I. M. MacTAVISH

## Hongkong Selection 1, Grasshoppers 2

The crowd that attended this game at the Club Stadium yesterday was not nearly as big as the one that had watched the first game of the series . . . and it was the ones who stayed away who were the losers.

This was by far the better game of the two. Here we had a Hongkong side that was really trying every inch of the way. It was one in which the players were ready, as long as their physical condition permitted, to work hard enough for two, and it was only when the pace and the persistence of the visitors told its inevitable tale that the home boys went down to defeat.

However, don't get any ideas that we were unlucky to lose. That, even with the most partisan appreciation, could not be suggested. The Grasshoppers were always playing well within themselves and in the end their precise forward movements swung the game in their favour.

Nevertheless the goal that won the game was in many ways an unsatisfactory one and I think that most fair-minded folks will agree that Ballaman, the scorer, looked just about the most surprised person on the field when he realised that his happy-go-lucky looping shot had landed in the back of the net.

Play started off at a fast pace and right from the word 'Go' the home side applied the pressure. Their fast open moves had the visitors in trouble and while the Grasshoppers looked dangerous enough in attack it was the Hongkong boys who came nearest to opening the scoring.

Play moved from end to end in an entertaining way and a great shout went up as Morris moved quickly into position to run on to the pass from Ho Cheung-yau and put the home team ahead after 25 minutes' play.

The visitors claimed that the scorer was off-side but the linesman who was up with play was adamant that he was on side when the ball was played to him.

Hongkong held their solitary goal advantage until the interval.

## DEFENCE HELD OUT

After the turnabout the Hongkong side started to lose the

initiative and the visitors, sensing the change in pressure, started to carry the play into the Hongkong area. Ballaman, Vonlathen, and Hagen played some delightful approach football but the home defence held out.

At this stage the Hongkong boys persisted in trying to push the play down the left wing and that left wing was potentially the most dangerous home forward, saw little of the ball. The inside men stopped their chasing and slowly but surely the home challenge died.

In the 25th minute Grasshoppers equalised when Hagen—what a wonderful inside forward he is—was right on the spot to meet cross ball and slash it into the net.

Although almost played out of the game at this stage the home boys very nearly took the lead. First of all Chu Wing-wah, with one of his few chances, hit the post, and later only a magnificent save by Kunz kept out a Ho Cheung-yau header.

With three minutes left for play tragedy came to the Hongkong side. A loose ball was allowed to travel from wing to wing across field. Suddenly play was switched back to the middle and Ballaman, standing about four yards outside the penalty area, swung his right boot at the ball. It spun and dipped in the air and landed in the back of the net with Pau King-yin making no effort to save.

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HONGKONG SELECTION	Star Rating
Pau King-yin	....
Ng Kee-cheung	....
Lau Chee-ping	....
Higgins	....
Lau Tim	....
Toth	....
Chu Wing-wah	....
Szeto Man	....
Morris	....
Ho Cheung-yau	....
Tee Kam-ho	....
GRASSHOPPERS	Star Rating
Kunz	....
Schmidhauser	....
Neukom	....
Vetoch	....
Frost	....
G. Vonlathen	....
Jager	....
Hagen	....
R. Vonlathen	....
Ballaman	....
Steiner	....

## All Hongkong 0, Grasshoppers 1

Don't let this score fool you and don't let all the stories of Hongkong's disallowed goal give you the idea that the Colony side was really on a par with the visitors. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The facts are that only a shocking finishing weakness among the Grasshopper forwards and some brilliant and courageous goalkeeping by Wai Fat-kim kept the score within respectable dimensions.

First of all we must pay tribute to the visitors for some delightful if slightly negative on-the-ground football. This was played with a snap and a mature confidence that was never apparent in the work of the home side.

The Swiss team tactics were also well worth considering. The centre-forward lay deep behind his inside supports and the centre-half was really a sixth forward who was as often up on attack as he was back in defence . . . but, even when he went up with the forwards a well drilled defence swivelled so that one of the full-backs was conveniently positioned in the centre of the field.

These tactics puzzled the Hongkong side and somehow the local players could never quite find a way to exploit their traditional ball-playing talents.

Whatever the opposition, it has to be said that this Hongkong side was but a shadow of the one that played against AIK. Generally the snap and the fire . . . as well as the virile willingness to cover up for a teammate . . . were gone.

Regrettable and lackadaisical frustration were always evident and while circumstances conspired to keep the goal tally to a close level they cannot disguise the fact that this was a spiritless, lustreless and often purposeless Colony team.

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In the 20th minute after the interval Ballaman scored a magnificent goal to put the visitors ahead. He moved into position to meet a high lob from the right and as it dropped near the penalty spot he volleyed it at lightning speed into the net. A great goal . . . and one worthy of being a match-winner.

In one of the few decent forward movements among the Hongkong forwards Tang Yee-let crashed in what looked at first to be a thrilling goal . . . but as I have already recorded it just went to be.

Grasshoppers also had their goal-scoring disappointment when R. Vonlathen raced through the home defence and crashed the ball into the net only to find that the final whistle had beaten his shot by a split second.

VERDICT: Good enough entertainment . . . but a disappointment to those who know that Hongkong can put up a better show than this . . . and can put a harder-working side in the field. The habit of early on and may have had some influence on their play. Grasshoppers played clever football. They looked a good team who were just a little tired . . . but Oh, that finishing.

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Wai Fat-kim	....
Szeto Man	....
Lau Yee	....
Tang Sam	....
Ko Po-keung	....
Santos	....
Higgins	....
Ho Ying-fun	....
Chu Wing-wah	....
Tang Yee-let	....
Yiu Cheuk-yin	....
Mok Chun-wah	....
Kunz	....
Schmidhauser	....
Neukom	....
G. Vonlathen	....
Frost	....
Vetoch	....
Jager	....
Hagen	....
R. Vonlathen	....
Ballaman	....
Vukosavljevic	....

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Britain's present economic situation bewilders the ordinary Briton. He finds no help at all studying various diagnoses of writers of learned articles on the subject. Yet he asks seemingly a simple three point question: "Are we in the middle of an inflation, on the verge of inflation or in no danger whatever of inflation? Experts answer "yes" to all three possibilities — it depends on which expert you consult.

The real result turns of course on what is meant by inflation. And it is on this very point that the experts differ.

The experts, however, are in full accord on one thing. Inflation, they declare, is an abnormal condition and should be treated as such. The danger in much current

economic thinking is that it lulls the nation into a state of complacency about inflation. It takes as its starting point the proposition that full employment and inflation go hand in hand. Rising prices, the argument runs, is the price — and a small one at that — which we pay for security of employment, rising production and freedom from economic controls.

This argument is unfair as well as dangerous. It implies that we have to choose between constantly falling purchasing power of our money and unemployment. So long as production goes on rising, we are told, in effect we can always compensate for the rise of prices by demanding — (and getting) higher wages — thus keeping the ball of inflation rolling.

The weakness of this theory as Mr D. J. Roberts, Chairman of the National Provincial Bank, pointed out in his annual statement last week is that it "implies a precision in economic management that has yet to be displayed." In other words who is going to ensure that what starts out as a "mild" inflation does not get out of hand and like an overdose of drugs kill the system it is supposed to stimulate.

But there are other reasons apart from the fallibility of economic planners why this comfortable theory is liable to break down in practice. In the first place, said Mr Roberts, such a policy — one of tolerating or even deliberately engineering a yearly dose of inflation — is only possible for a country in Great Britain's position if the rest of the world is doing much the same thing. Otherwise our exports will sooner or later price themselves out of the market with consequent unemployment or our currency will have to be devalued again to maintain the balance of payments.

### WAGE BATTLE

Secondly, is it presupposes a yearly battle for increased wages, always fought and lost on the issue of trying to restore the standards of the workers instead of that of raising productivity.

Thirdly, unless prices can be kept reasonably stable the cost of social services must constantly be increased, with consequent threats to solvency of the National Insurance Scheme or of the national budget.

This effectively demolishes the "mild inflation" theory. But it is not enough to show up its wrong-headedness. Something must be put in its place. The question is: can we have full employment and still be free from the curse of rising prices?

According to the experts full employment and inflation are not inseparable parts of the same phenomenon. The former may be a symptom of the latter, but it is inflation and not full employment that is the abnormal condition. It happens when demand outstrips supply; in other words when too much money chases too few goods. To maintain full employment and kill the germ of inflation it is necessary to ensure that production not only rises but rises in line with demand, both at home and abroad. It is easier to point to a remedy, however, than to say how it is to be put into effect. It requires not only the means, but the will to make ourselves more efficient.

### PROFITS

It would certainly help if the Government took a little less of industry's profits and if those profits were put into use that would result in the maximum benefit to the national economy. But even if the Government produced the incentive and industrialists did everything that was required of them the effort would be wasted if the trade unions changed their attitude towards the "profit motive" which is the driving force of our economy. They should realize that there is nothing anti-social about profit; that on the contrary they are the legitimate reward of enterprise without which Britain will drop behind in the industrial race.

This is the theme that runs through this year's bank chairman's statements: the first batch of which was published last week. It will be taken up by more and more leaders of public opinion as the situation becomes clearer and as it is realized that action is the only way to prevent the breakdown of full employment.

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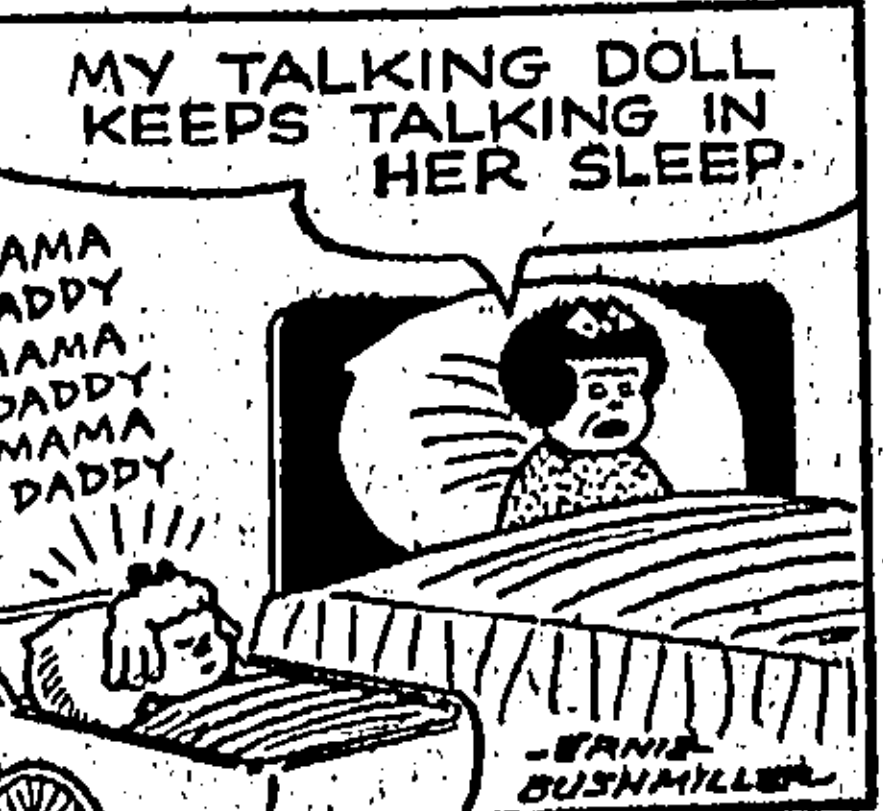


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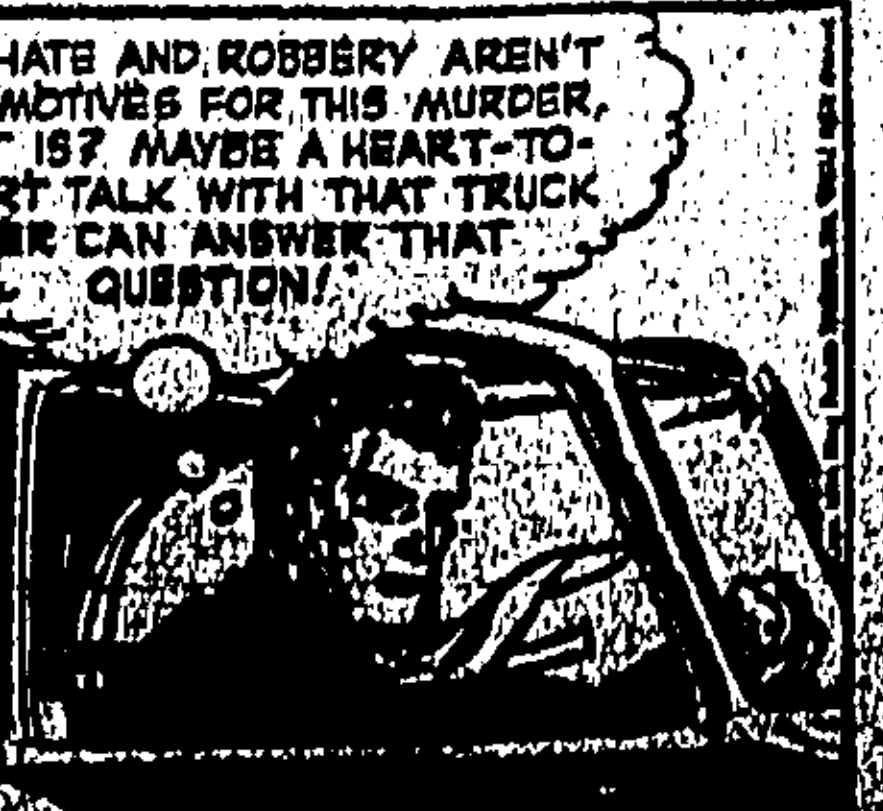
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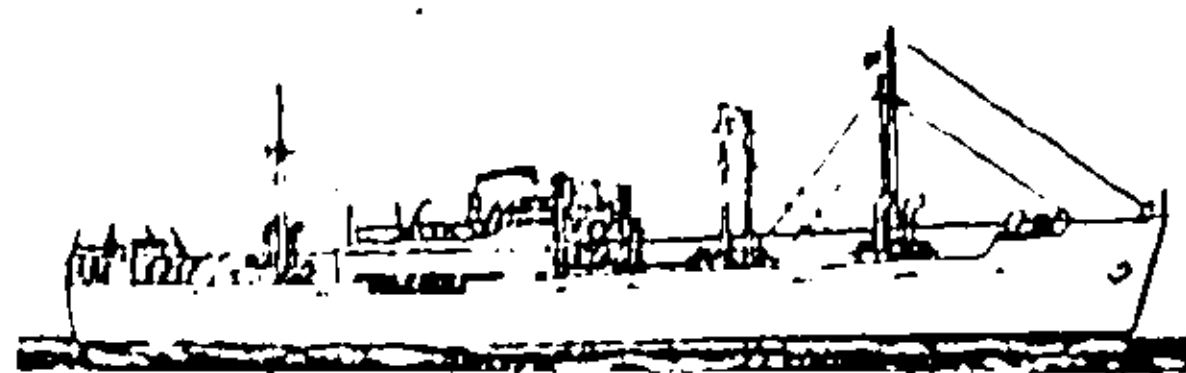
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# THE RENAISSANCE OF INDIAN WOMEN

Today is the fifth anniversary of the Republic of India and on this occasion Nayantra Sahgal tells of the emergence of Indian women from seclusion to the front ranks of public life.

Few movements of modern times have been so rapidly and unobtrusively accomplished as the emergence of the Indian woman into public life, and this despite her prolonged past of subjugation. No fanfare has heralded her entry into politics and the professions, no militant feminism marks her outlook to the world. She quietly accepts her rights of equal citizenship with man and takes it for granted that each day should open up for them opportunities such as she has not enjoyed for the last few hundred years.

Today there are thirty-four women in Parliament and countless numbers in the professions, a transition made in the relatively brief span of twenty-five or thirty years. And yet this has been a remarkably silent revolution stirring the barest ripple in the country's life.

Though the reasons for its nature go far back, it began, as all revolutions begin, at a particular psychological moment, when, in response to Mahatma Gandhi's appeal, women of all classes of society came forward in large numbers to take their place beside their menfolk in the struggle for India's freedom.

Gandhi's call was the seed sown at the right time in fertile soil. Inevitably it bore fruit. But it was the soil itself which accounted, if not for the actual phenomenon, for the calm manner in which it took place; making it possible for women to emerge poised and self-confident from the sheltering confines of purdah and all the restrictions imposed on her by position where she is not de-

Accomplished with the speed of a revolution it is in reality a renaissance.

Today she represents a curious paradox, this woman who has surrendered neither her traditional graceful attire nor any portion of her essentially feminine outlook to the demands of modern times. In the framework of tradition she carries on an efficient job of work. Though she stands on the threshold of great changes in a nation whose social and economic fabric is undergoing a transformation though she herself is an integral and active part of this upheaval, she remains, nevertheless, the representative of a steadfast way of life. In India she is one of many reminders that this country's past is an indispensable accompaniment to the understanding of its modern trends. Only in its historical perspective can this paradox be properly understood.

There is a common heritage to which all women are heir. Their common functions and responsibilities have bound them and to some extent have limited them. In most countries of the world their development has been along somewhat similar lines, restrictions giving way gradually to freedom, an unenlightened attitude toward them being replaced by greater privileges for them.

All over the world there have been periods when woman's status as a human being has counted for little. Until recently society has almost universally kept her in the home, overruling her participation in any but the domestic sphere. But apart from this general similarity of background, the Indian woman, as that of every coun-

try, has a unique heritage, distinct from the one she shares with the women of the world. It is this heritage, peculiarly her own, which explains the nature of her emergence into India's life.

Unique, first of all, is the fact that she was never compelled to fight for her rights. Recently in the West women have had to demand their rights, prove their capabilities, and assert their independence. That this did not happen in India is in part responsible for the Indian woman's attitude today. She was, in fact, invited to assume greater responsibility and encouraged to contribute to the changes that Gandhi urged upon all Indians. "Brothers and Sisters," began all political speakers of the civil disobedience days. Women were always present in the audience and it was taken for granted that they were there for guidance and hard work as were the men. Like the men they were arrested and imprisoned. Together they tackled Gandhi's programme.

Unique, also, was the reason, reaching far back to the begin-

ning of the understanding of Indian womanhood today.

The curtain rises over ancient India revealing a remarkable scene of advanced civilisation, an already old and established one of well-ordered city states and vital active citizens.

While the men were engaged in securing their conquest of the land of North India, woman functioned in both the domestic and the public spheres. She combined in herself the role of wife and mother and that of active citizen in the life of the community. These two facets of her life were, in fact, inseparable.

The ideal of the wife in 2500 B.C. was the woman well-versed in the scriptures, one whose education had been designed to enable her to perform the sacrament besides her husband. Healthy enough to bear strong sons for battle, wise enough to bring them up in traditions of honour, woman, the cultured and beautiful consort of her warrior husband, was expected

changes took place in the attitude towards her and in society's treatment of her. She retreated to a narrow sphere, her earlier freedom severely curtailed. New political and social conditions gave rise to new observances, and these gained ground through usage. The Indian woman, like her sister in medieval Europe, was not a person in her own right.

Despite this decline the early ideal was not obliterated. Though men had forgotten it, India's literature and temple art still bore luminous witness to it. No woman in the world had been so lavishly portrayed in her many moods in words, in colours, and in stone. Rich, exuberant and ornate, painting and sculpture depicted her as only a cherished being could have been depicted. Creating her in exotic splendour with almond eyes and luxuriant tresses, bejewelled and beautifully groomed, they portrayed her as a woman who gloried in her femininity. Showing her unveiled in public places, in processions, at banquets and assemblies, they paid tribute to her as an intelligent and conscientious member of society.

Literature lauded her fidelity and her devotion to duty, not as the inevitable attitude of a timid creature, but as the courageous choice of an equal partner. It was too robust an ideal to long be shadowed by custom. That it emerged once again under Gandhi's aegis indicated that it was as vigorous as it had once been.

Woman's position in free India is a herding back to her Vedic ancestress. She has no need to seek a pattern reflecting another civilisation or to adopt attitudes unsuited to her own setting. This accounts for the fact that her revolution has had no outward manifestation. There has been no major change, for example, in her style of dress. The essentials of her equal citizenship with man too, were recognised long ago in her own culture on her own soil, in this very land. They did not have to be borrowed from another source.

But centuries of indifference to her welfare separate her from her early heritage. It is true that even during this period there were women who distinguished themselves in a variety of fields. There has been no dearth of illustrious women in Indian history. There have been scholars, philosophers and poets among them, queen regents and rulers, even women who went into battle.

Between the distant past and the present time society offers a tarnished record where its treatment of woman is concerned. It is to erase this that the Constitution of India now guarantees to her equality of opportunity with man. A concrete step towards this is the Hindu Code Bill now being debated in Parliament which seeks a more just status for women with regard to marriage and divorce laws and the inheritance of property.

Its guiding principle is not a breaking away from the past but a reversion of past ideals and an effort to adapt them to modern times.

The young Indian girl, now growing into womanhood will enjoy a great deal more freedom and opportunity than her grandmother did, and because of this she will be closer in spirit to her country's early traditions than her grandmother was. Her renaissance is a compelling symbol of the continuity of India's life.

## COSTUMES OF INDIA



A group of girls photographed in the different costumes of the various regions of India.—P.B. India Photo.

nings of Indian history, that made this contribution possible in a simple and matter-of-fact way. The distant past is remote and much has happened since the early ideals flourished. But as long as the ideal remains the inspiration for the actual, it will have the power to mould the mind of any century, however far removed it may be from its origin. In the same manner as the great religions founded long ago will continue to provide spiritual guidance for men in all the ages to come. The past continues to have its hold, on any civilisation which has its roots in antiquity. Especially true is this of India where the passage of time, though bringing changes, has left a certain inner core of life untouched. Why this should be so is a mystery, but that it is the case is evident to anyone who has found in some Indian face or gesture, some style of dress or jewellery, some current idea or belief a startling resemblance to that prevalent in the art or literature of several thousand years ago. So the earliest known ideals of Indian womanhood are significant for

to be all things that man had not the leisure to be. Widowhood was no bar from a full life, no bar either from re-marriage. "Rise up, woman," says a hymn of the Rig-Veda to the widow, "thou art lying by one whose life is gone; come to the world of the living, away from thy husband."

Vedic India produced an ideal of womanhood such as did not exist in any part of the ancient world. Neither the lofty pedestal nor the submissive veil was its hallmark.

Woman trod the earth free and proud of bearing, as befitting the consort of a conqueror. Vedic Indians thought poorly of asceticism.

Full-blooded men and women who glorified the institution of marriage, the birth of children, and the duty of all able persons to their community, the concept of renunciation found little support among them. This came later when the changing fortunes of history created the need for a different outlook. In India's first fresh dawn it had no place. Not godliness but humanity was the exalted ideal. Even the Vedic gods were like humans, with the same tempestuous appetites as human beings, often assuming human form and living among men and women. No other age could have produced the concept of Ardhnareshvara. The Almighty Himself was half woman and half man.

In later times the status of women gradually declined. India was no exception to the worldwide trend that kept woman subservient to man throughout the Middle Ages and up to recent times. When invasions from Central Asia revealed India, when the country's political and social structure was shaken and swept away, it was a result of this woman's position suffered degradation.

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## First day free

LYDIA might have been an actress playing a lesser role in some old hackneyed tragedy; a gaunt and brooding sorrow of a woman, whose entrance and exits would underscore disaster.

So grave and stately was her bearing that you hardly noticed the vivid scars that blemished her right cheek. The magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, glanced up from his register.

"Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear," he said. "Are you back again?"

Lydia replied with a light, small, humourous smile. She was asked if she had been drunk the night before.

"Well, I'd had a spot," she said.

### ON THE PAVEMENT

THAT did not amount to a plea of guilty. The magistrate called for the evidence and a policeman told of finding Lydia collapsed on the wintry pavement.

"How did she come by her injuries?" the magistrate asked.

"She had them when I found her," the officer answered.

"What do you want to say?" Mr. Powell asked Lydia.

"Well, I hadn't eaten anything. I was a bit upset," she replied.

"What had you been drinking?"

"Whisky."

"Yes, but how much?"

### WHISKY AND STOUT

LYDIA thought in silence for some moments. "It was three small whiskies and two bottles of stout," she said.

The magistrate turned to the goaler. "Just remind me, will you," he asked. "What is her record?"

"There have been eight convictions in the last 12 months, for drunkenness," the goaler said.

"In November, she was bound over to be of good behaviour for two months."

"Listen," Lydia put in. "I shan't do it any more."

"You always say that," the magistrate countered.

"I've decided drink doesn't agree with me."

### I'VE BEEN EVERYTHING

"TELL me," said the magistrate, "what do you do for living?"

"Oh, I've been everything," Lydia said with a sigh, as if nothing she had done had been much fun.

"You'll have to go inside for a bit to sober up," the magistrate said. "This charge you'll be fined 5s. and pay 25s. doctor's fee. When you leave you will be charged with breaking the bind-over."

Lydia was taken away, and a little later brought back. She pleaded guilty to breaking the terms of her bind-over.

The goaler stepped forward. "I ought to say, sir," he said to the magistrate, "that since that bind-over this woman has been here and been sent to prison for being drunk. She came out only yesterday morning."

### A LITTLE LATE

"OH," said the magistrate. Then to Lydia: "I didn't realize you had just done a month. I don't want to send you straight back to prison. But one thing this shows is that a month is too short a time to keep you from drink."

"I'm giving it up, sir, it doesn't agree with me," Lydia said again.

"I shall discharge you absolutely on the breach charge," said Mr. Powell. "On the charge of being drunk I shall bind you over for 12 months."

Lydia bowed and, with the same dignity as she had entered the courtroom, she left, a stateless figure burdened with a New Year's resolution that had come a little late in the day—and was enforceable by law.

### Fire Destroys Huts

Two wooden huts were destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning at Wan Ma, Street, Shaokwan. One of the structures was used as an ironmonger's shop, while the other was a storage for coal.

# 11 Ambulance Brigade Members Honoured At Stadium Parade

## Sir Otto Lund's Address

Eleven members of the St John Ambulance Brigade were awarded red-and-gold illuminated Certificates of Honour from London by the Commissioner-in-Chief, Sir Otto Lund, at a Parade held at the South China Stadium yesterday.

The awards were made in recognition of their "assisting at great personal risk in rescue operations during the Kowloon Tsai Fire on July 22, 1954."

The eleven men rescued six persons trapped in a fire lane, two of whom were seriously injured.

Sir Otto inspected the Parade of about 700 doctors, officers, men and nurses and presented an illuminated scroll of greetings and congratulations upon the splendid record in peace and in war, from the Gloucester St John Ambulance Brigade with which the Hongkong Brigade is affiliated.

In his address to the Parade, Sir Otto expressed his pleasure

## Roger Pennels Wins MSC Treasure Hunt

Roger Pennels, aided and abetted by an energetic crew of three and an Austin A.50 Cambridge, won the Treasure Hunt held last Sunday by the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong. Pennels was also voted the "most unusual object" collected on route.

The thirteen groups of competitors, who assembled at the Mobilgas Service Station near Magazine Gap, were required, within a period of 2½ hours, to provide answers to 25 objects against a list of 25 items.

To obtain correct answers competitors found it necessary to locate a shipyard in Shaikwan, a monument, a cinema and a remotely situated signboard. The objects to be collected included a live fish, an unused bus ticket, a bottle of sea-water from Big Wave Bay, a chestnut, a duck's feather, a U.K. newspaper and a worm in a match-box.

Not altogether surprisingly, none of the competitors achieved the full 25 points but three obtained 24—Roger Pennels, Alister Stewart and George Wallis, who lost out on an oyster shell, a champagne cork and the worm respectively.

For having achieved his score at the expense of a mere 30 miles (against 33 for his challenger), Roger Pennels was adjudged the winner and received his prize with well-deserved ovation from the other competitors who had assembled at Cafe Wiseman for tea after completion of the Hunt.

### MOST UNUSUAL

Concurrently with the Treasure Hunt was also run a competition for the production of the most unusual object. From a selection of unusual objects ranging from a Japanese Windbell to a grasshopper and a policeman's handcuffs, the assembly voted wholeheartedly in favour of the gigantic litter bin put forward by Miss Erika Sande, whose stalwart crewman staggered down the stairs of Telephone House in an advanced stage of exhaustion.

Roger Pennels was runner-up in this contest with his copy of the first newspaper to be published in the Colony after the Liberation.

Time undoubtedly played an important part in the contest, about half the entry arriving beyond the time limit. The first arrival had no more than 10 minutes in hand and the remainder had only a matter of seconds to spare.

Such close results full marks, go to the organisers—David Walters and Miss Diana Best. Their effort was most carefully planned and provided a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon's entertainment. It may be considered one of the best of such events held in the Colony and a worthy addition to the many achievements of the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"That new girl doesn't even take a coffee break—but she does her work as if she had lots of office experience!"

## Draw For The Davis Cup

New York, Jan. 25. The draw for the European zone of the Davis Cup competition was made here today in New York and resulted as follows:

First round: Finland versus Austria, Egypt versus Turkey, Germany versus Ireland, South Africa versus Norway.

The eight quarter finalists of the zone in the 1954 competition were exempted from the first round of this year's competition. They are: Britain, France, India, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Belgium and Italy.

Second round: Monaco versus Argentina, Switzerland versus The Netherlands, Yugoslavia versus Chile, Portugal versus Czechoslovakia, France versus Monaco or Argentina, Sweden versus Switzerland or The Netherlands, Hungary versus Yugoslavia or Chile, Belgium versus Portugal or Czechoslovakia, Finland versus Poland or Austria, India versus Egypt or Turkey, Italy versus Germany or Ireland, Denmark versus South Africa or Norway.

26 APPLICANTS

In a supplementary draw, it was decided that the winners of the Far East zone would play the winners of the North American zone, the European zone winner having a bye.

There were 26 applicants for the European zone. The British Lawn Tennis Association, which handled the entries on behalf of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, received 21 challenges from European nations and five from overseas.

The rules governing the European zone allow for a maximum entry of 20 European nations and four overseas nations.

The challenges of Luxembourg (European) and Pakistan (overseas) were not accepted—Reuters.

## MAN RESCUED FROM HARBOUR

A man who jumped off a Yau-mat ferry boat last night was saved by the quick action of Mr. Bobby Castro, who plunged into the water and brought him back safely to the ferry.

Mr. Castro jumped to the rescue from a nearby private launch.

A live mortar bomb was found in a side street behind the Majestic Theatre, Nathan Road, on Sunday. Mr. F. Evans, Police Sergeant, took it out in a Police "latch" and dropped it in the sea.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

# Shark Attacks Boy In Sydney Harbour

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 19. Sydney Harbour had its seventh shark attack in about 30 years on Monday when a 13-year-old lad was fatally mauled near one of our popular beaches—Balmoral.

All those seven attacks have taken place in December, January and February, proving the theory that sharks are more numerous close inshore during those months because the water is warmer.

Although sharks are one of our dreads of the surf, there have only been 30 fatal shark attacks in New South Wales since 1919, while in the same period around the Australian coastline there have been 80 attacks.

Nearly as dangerous as sharks is a new game sponsored by youngsters in some near-city suburbs.

In turn they put beer cartons over their head then grope across one of Sydney's busiest streets through the hazard of trams, buses and cars.

Brakes scream and people yell as the kids make base.

Police, somewhat needless to say, are on the warpath.

### SINATRA ARRIVES

Those long queues that have been snaking around various blocks in the city this week have been made up of teen-agers and not so teen—looking for the Frank Sinatra shows.

Frankie is the latest big-time name to join the ranks of the hit and run artists and 10,000 yellers welcomed him at the airport on Sunday evening.

Thirty-four-year-old Al Foster, who is a salesman by occupation and Director of the Australian Sinatraz Organisation by choice, and who has taken time off work to act as Frankie's guardian, has appealed to Sinatra fans not to swoon at the crooner's concert.

"My job will be keeping the fans out of Frankie's hair and seeing they're happy," he said. "But we don't want any swooning. That stuff's dead now and doesn't do us any good."

If what happened at Kingsford Smith Airport is any guide, keeping the fans out of Frankie's hair is going to be quite a job for an investigating committee.

Director Al will be glad to get back to work.

The morning cup of tea in one Commonwealth establishment in the suburbs this week tasted very much like sweetly sandwiched boiled in soup oil—some investigating committee investigated.

Boiling merrily in the urn they found the cleaner's overalls and socks.

### THE NEW INDUSTRY

More than 23,000,000 worth of motor vehicles were stolen in NSW last year, 3,230 motor cars and trucks and 1,090 motor cycles were off.

Police did a mighty fine job to recover 97 per cent of the cars and trucks and 91 per cent of the cycles.

Many cars were stripped of radios, wheels, seats and other readily saleable parts. Joy-riders damaged hundreds of others before abandoning them.

Police say the majority of unrecovered cars had been taken by gangs who altered engine numbers, registration and number plates, then resprayed the vehicles and sold them.

Some long-term prisoners at Parramatta Gaol are Braille writers; they transcribe books for the Blind Society's library and text books for blind university students.

In a rather strange ceremony this week Mrs. H. G. Ringland, President of the Braille Writers' Association, handed each of the prisoners a Braille Writer's Certificate.

The certificates were signed by the President of the Royal Blind Society of NSW, Mr. Justice Maxwell, who no doubt was responsible for many of the men being in Parramatta.

The Australian whaling industry is getting in the money. Last year it earned £1,600,000.

The Department of Commerce has announced that each of the five Australian whaling stations has caught the full quota of whales—a total of 3,400.

The catch was 38 more than in 1954, but all production—100,000 barrels—was slightly less.

### COCKLOFT FIRE

The cockloft of 33, Connaught Road Central, used for storing shirts caught fire at about 2.15 yesterday afternoon.

The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

No damage was reported.

### OLYMPIC GAMES

Bookings for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne will open at 10,000 places all over the world in April.

The selling commission, announced by the Australian Olympic Committee, is 10 per cent.

## 100 Years Ago

From Our Files

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1855.

Sir, — Will you allow me, through the medium of your columns, to call your attention as a public man, and the attention of the Government of this Colony, to an instance of gross neglect on the part of one of its officers—I mean the Sheriff. Having good grounds, as I think, it was my intention to make application to the proper officer of the Supreme Court, to have my name struck off the Jury List for the present year, and to have made several journeys to the Court-house door expecting to see the Jury Panel posted thereon, as directed by Ordinance No. 4, of 1851, Sections IV. and V., but to no avail—there is no List yet. Now, sir, if the Court were to use a proper discretion in this matter, would it not be the Sheriff before it to answer for such neglect? The Jury List is ordered to be made on or before the First of January; but here is the 24th, and it is not posted yet. It is really shameful that people, who are so well paid by the Government for doing very little, fail to do even that—I am, Sir, PERHAPS A JUROR.

### EDITOR'S COMMENT

According to Ordinance No. 4 of 1851, the Jury list for the year ought to have been posted on the 1st or 2nd of January; but it is certain that it is through the Sheriff's neglect that has not been done. His duty, under Par. 5, is to "make out and transmit a fresh Jury list" (Par. 3) "to the Registrar of the Supreme Court, who shall thereupon cause a copy of such list to be posted." &c.

As our correspondent seems to have had the Ordinance before him when he wrote, it is strange he should have overlooked the fact that it is the Registrar, not the Sheriff, who is to have the List posted. Possibly it may not have been received; and if so, in order to exonerate himself, the Registrar should affix a notice to that effect where the Jury List ought to be. But the jurymen of a local nature, who are masters of all the provisions of the Ordinance.

Perhaps a Juror seems very much shocked at the neglect of duty in a well-paid servant of Government; but older residents are so much accustomed to that sort of thing, they view it with more equanimity, hoping that a better order of affairs may grow out of the very badness of the present.

### OFFLOADING BALLAST

We have received two communications from Swatow, complaining of the master of the Peruvian ship, Amelia (now loading there for Shanghai on Chinese account, under charter for \$11,500), having thrown overboard Three Hundred Tons of Granite in 4½ to 6 fathoms water, in the fairway, where the schooner's anchor, and which, our correspondent adds, is "almost certain to produce a shoal, to the detriment of other vessels coming there to load." Both the master of the vessel and the agent were, it appears, spoken to on the subject, but the only reply vouchsafed by them was, that the same plan of getting rid of ballast was followed at Amoy, and they would do so at Swatow. Swatow (or as the Chinese pronounce it, Sanfow) though an extensive mart for the export of Coals and Sugar, is not an open port, and it is therefore beyond the interference of the foreign Consular authorities; but not of the animadversions of the press, which can scarcely be too severe in censuring an act likely at some future day to lead to the loss of property, if not of life.

## Innovation At The Gardens

The Botanical Gardens open literally "hopping" with the ferns yesterday when the ferns, orchids of the Special Conservatory gave a public performance before a large crowd of holiday-makers.

In addition to the ferns, there were many other plants, including a large number of ferns, orchids, and other plants, which were shown in a most interesting manner.

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